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SCOWCROFT AND NESSON; MADRID FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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KISSINGER AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, BURSELS, FRIDAY 23 AT 1630

HOURS, LOCAL.

BEGIN TEXT:

SECRETARY KISSINGER: BEFORE WE START, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT  
THIS IS THE LAST TIME I WILL BE HERE WHILE AMBASSADOR BRUCE IS  
REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES. HE IS ONE OF THE GREAT MEN IN  
AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. WE WILL MISS HIM ENORMOUSLY HERE BUT, EVEN  
THOUGH HE PERIODICALLY THREATENS TO RETIRE, WE WILL PRESS HIM  
INTO SERVICE FOR SOMETHING OR OTHER WHEN WE CAN CATCH HIM UNAWARE.  
NOW WE WILL GO TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

Q. MR. SECRETARY THERE ARE REPORTS THAT YOU'VE COME BACK FROM

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MOSCOW WITH A RUSSIAN SUGGESTION FOR LOWERING THE VLADIVOSTOCK  
CEILING BY SOME AMOUNT AND I WONDER IF YOU COULD CONFIRM THAT AND  
EXPAND ON IT?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I CANNOT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HERE. THE POSSIBILITY IN CERTAIN CONTEXTS TOGETHER WITH OTHER ARRANGEMENTS OF LOWERING THE CEILINGS WAS DISCUSSED BUT I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THIS IS IN THE CONTEXT OF AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES AND I CANNOT GO ANY FURTHER INTO IT.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, WHAT ARE THE MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES NOW (INAUDIBLE) AGREEMENT?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: FIRST OF ALL, AS I SAID AT THE MOSCOW AIRPORT, A NUMBER OF ISSUES WERE RESOLVED AND WERE PASSED ON TO GENEVA FOR TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION. PROGRESS OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE WAS MADE ON OTHER ISSUES AND SOME OTHER ISSUES STILL REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. THE GENERAL CATEGORY OF PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH BACKFIRE AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF CRUISE MISSILES STILL REQUIRES FURTHER STUDY, THOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE WITH RESPECT TO SOME ASPECTS OF IT.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST THIS TIME ALSO -- AS A WHOLE OR IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF THE LEBANESE PROBLEM?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THERE WAS A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PRIMARILY AS IT RELATES TO THE PEACE PROSPECTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL. (LAUGHTER). I BEG YOUR PARDON, NO, I SAID THERE WAS A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE PEACE PROSPECTS.

Q: (INAUDIBLE)

SECRETARY KISSINGER: TO ASK NATO TO INTERVENE IN LEBANON? THAT SUGGESTION WAS NOT MADE IN MOSCOW. (LAUGHTER).

Q: ON THE QUESTION OF A VISIT BY MR. BREZHNEV TO WASHINGTON OR TO THE UNITED STATES, IN YOUR OPINION, IF THERE IS A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON SALT MATTERS AND ALSO IF ANGOLA IS IN A VERY UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION FROM THE UNITED STATES' POINT OF VIEW, UNCLASSIFIED  
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DO YOU STILL ENVISAGE A BREZHNEV VISIT?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THIS IS A DOUBLY HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION. WE DO NOT ASSUME THAT ANGOLA MUST REMAIN IN AN UNSATISFACTORY STATE AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED IN A GENERAL SENSE. WE HAVE ALWAYS MADE CLEAR THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION DEPENDS ON RESTRAINT IN OTHER AREAS AND I HAVE STATED PUBLICLY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT IF ANY COUNTRY DOES NOT EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN ONE AREA IT COULD SET OFF A PROCESS OF ACTION AND REACTION THAT CAN ONLY UNDERMINE INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND THE PROSPECTS OF A U.S.-SOVIET

RAPPROCHEMENT. AS OF NOW, WE ARE PLANNING THAT IF A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT IS REACHED, TO INVITE THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS THE PLAN ON WHICH WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TWO QUESTIONS. ARE YOU GOING TO SIGN OR CONCLUDE TOMORROW IN MADRID THE HISPANO-AMERICAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING AMERICAN BASES IN SPAIN AND HOW MUCH MONEY IS INVOLVED? THE SECOND QUESTION IS THIS ONE: IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE UNITED STATES, IF THE REPUBLICANS WIN, DO YOU PLAN TO RESIGN AS SECRETARY OF STATE?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO DO IF THE DEMOCRATS WIN? (LAUGHTER). WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST QUESTION. WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH SPAIN AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION WHICH INCLUDES THE BASES BUT EXTENDS TO OTHER AREAS AS WELL AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO SIGN IT ON THE OCCASION OF MY VISIT TO SPAIN TOMORROW. THE EXACT AMOUNT THAT IS INVOLVED, I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE FOR THE OCCASION OF MY VISIT TO SPAIN SINCE SOME DETAILS STILL HAVE TO WORKED OUT. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION, I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU GIVE ME SOM MUCH TIME -- UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE USUAL QUESTION I'M ASKED IN THE UNITED STATES IS WHAT I INTEND TO DO NEXT MONTH. (LAUGHTER).

Q: MR. SECRETARY, TO FOLLOW UP ON THE FIRST PART OF THAT QUESTION, THIS AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A DEFENSE TREATY. IS THAT AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NO, IT IS NOT AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. IT S NOT A DEFENSE TREATY. IT IS A TREATY OF COOPERATION. WE WILL  
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PROBABLY SUBMIT IT TO THE SENATE IN TREATY FORM, BUT IT IS NOT A MUTAUL DEFENSE TREATY.

Q: WOULD YOU GIVE US YOUR APPRAISAL OF THE CURRENT STATE OF U.S.-DETENTE RELATIONSHIPS -- WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AS A RESULT OF YOUR MEETING AND YOUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT?

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE SOVIET LEADERS ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING THE DETENTE RELATIONSHIPS AND TO STRENGTHEN IT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS, WITH RESPECT TO STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS, MADE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THAT END. AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED OUR VIEW THAT SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIONS IN ANGOLA ARE NOT HELPFUL TO THE DETENTE RELATIONSHIPS. SO, I WOULD HAVE TO CALL ATTENTION TO BOTH THE PLUSES AND THE MINUSES.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, SIR, DID YOU ASK THE ALLIES TO MAKE ANY APPROACHES, DIPLOMATIC STEPS OR ANY OTHER ACTIONS TO AFFECT THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NO. MOST OF THE TIME THIS AFTERNOON WAS SPENT ON MY GIVING MY EVALUATION TO MY COLLEAGUES AND THE AMBASSADORS HERE OF MY MEETINGS IN MOSCOW. I ALSO GAVE THEM THE AMERICAN EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. WE MADE NO REQUEST FOR ANY PARTICULAR STEP AND THE MEETING WAS NOT IN THAT CONTEXT. WHILE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON'S  
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MEETING, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION THAT ALL BUT TWO OF MY COLLEAGUES CAME HERE AND THEREBY GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSCORE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO POLITICAL COOPERATION WITHIN THE NATO ALLIANCE AND THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT IN FACT EXISTS.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, IS IT YOUR EXPECTATION THAT A SALT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED WITH THE SOVIET UNION THIS YEAR?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I BELIEVE THAT A SALT AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION THIS YEAR IS POSSIBLE.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE VLADIVOSTOK CEILING MIGHT SERVE AS A WAY OF BREAKING

THE DEADLOCK OVER THE CRUISE-BACKFIRE BOMBER DILEMMA.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PROSPECT OF REDUCTION IS IN THE CONTEXT OF SEVERAL OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT AND IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL AGREEMENT. WE WILL NOW STUDY CAREFULLY THE SPECIFIC SOVIET PROPOSALS TO SEE WHETHER THEY LEND THEMSELVES TO ADAPTATION OR A RESPONSE THAT CAN BRIDGE THE REMAING DIFFERENCES.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU GET A FOREWARNING OF THE POSSIBLE SOVIET ANSWER TO NATO'S PROPOSAL TABLED IN VIENNA LAST DECEMBER FOR THE TROOP REDUCTIONS IN THE CENTER OF EUROPE?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I THINK I GOT SOME INDICATION OF WHAT THE ANSWER IS LIKELY TO BE AND I CONVEYED IT TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO, OF COURSE, NEVER REVEAL WHAT GOES ON INSIDE THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING ROOM.

Q: A POSITIVE ANSWER OR A NEGATIVE ONE?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WELL, I DON'T THINK I SHOULD DISCUSS IT. AT ANY RATE IT WILL BE GIVEN TO US IN A FEW DAYS.

Q: MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, (SIC) DID YOU HAVE THE IMPRESSION IN MOSCOW ---

SECRETARY KISSINGER: YOU ARE GIVING ME TOO HIGH A TITLE.

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(LAUGHTER)

Q: DID YOU HAVE THE IMPRESSION IN MOSCOW THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT ARE WARE OF HAVING TAKEN A LEAD IN THE FIELD OF ARMAMENTS. IF THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS, WHY DO YOU THINK THAT THEY CONTINUE TO ARM THEMSELVES SO RAPIDLY?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THIS IS NOT A SUBJECT THAT WAS DISCUSSED BUT IT IS MY IMPRESSION THAT IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD THE LEVEL OF SPHISTICATION HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED WHERE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT AN ACCRETION OF POWER IS NOT POLITICALLY USEFUL, AND THEREFORE THEY CONTINUE TO INCREASE THEIR ARMS. AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MATCH IT.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE MEETING WHICH IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE IN PARIS TOMORROW AND THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW AMONG SOCIALISTS IN THE MDITERRANEAN AREA AND WHICH IS GOING PROBABLY TO CLOSE THE LINKS BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA OF EUROPE?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WELL, I DON'T WANT TO BE OFFENSIVE, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WAS SUCH A MEETING GOING ON. THEY DIDN'T

ASK MY OPINION BEFORE THEY CALLED THE MEETING WHICH WOUNDS ME DEEPLY. (LAUGHTER). THEREFORE, I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS PLANNED FOR THE DISCUSSION. I HAVE TROUBLE ENOUGH DEALING WITH STATES WITHOUT GETTING INVOLVED WITH POLITICAL PARTIES.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, DID YOU HAVE THE OCCASION TODAY TO HAVE ANY SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I HAD A BRIEF TALK WITH THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND I EMPHASIZED TO HIM AGAIN THE STRONG AMERICAN INTEREST IN A RAPID AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND HE EXPRESSED HIS OWN VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT. OF COURSE, WE SHALL MEET AGAIN IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 11.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO THIS EVENING PLEASE? (LAUGHTER)

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THAT SUBJECT IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.

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